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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UGANDA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Uganda National Bureau of Standards
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Fresh watermelons (HS code(s): 080711); Fruits and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.10); Fresh watermelons
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: DUS DARS 903:2024, Fresh watermelon – Specification, First edition. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 16 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UGA/24_05240_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This Draft Uganda Standard applies to watermelons of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (Thunberg) Matsumara & Nakai (also called <i>C. vulgaris</i>) to be supplied fresh to the consumer, watermelons for industrial processing being excluded.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CODEX STAN 193:1995 (Rev.5:2009), General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Foods - CODEX STAN 228:2001 (Rev.1:2004), General methods of analysis for contaminants - CODEX STAN 230:2001 (Rev.1:2003), Maximum levels for lead - CAC/RCP 1, Recommended International Code of Practice – General Principles of Food Hygiene - CAC/RCP 44, Recommended International Code of Practice for the Packaging and Transport of Tropical Fresh Fruit and Vegetables - CAC/RCP 53, Code of Hygienic Practice for Fresh Fruits, and Vegetables - ARS 53, General principles of food hygiene – Code of practice - ARS 56, Pre-packaged foods – Labelling - ISO 874, Fresh fruits, and vegetables – Sampling - UNECE STANDARD FFV-37 concerning the marketing and commercial quality control of WATERMELONS 2021 EDITION - Uganda Gazette (available in English)
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 October 2024</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Uganda National Bureau of Standards Plot 2-12 ByPass Link, Bweyogerere Industrial and Business Park P.O. Box 6329 Kampala, Uganda Tel: +(256) 4 1733 3250/1/2 Fax: +(256) 4 1428 6123 E-mail: info@unbs.go.ug Website: https://www.unbs.go.ug</p>
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